any action to recover penalties and assessments under section 3806 to title 31, United States Code.

- (e) The investigating official may recommend settlement terms to the reviewing official, the authority head, or the Attorney General, as appropriate. The reviewing official may recommend settlement terms to the authority head, or the Attorney General, as appropriate.
- (f) Any compromise or settlement must be in writing.

§185.147 Limitations.

- (a) The notice of hearing with respect to a claim or statement must be served in the manner specified in §185.108 within 6 years after the date on which such a claim or statement is made.
- (b) If the defendant fails to file a timely answer, service of a notice under §185.110(b) shall be deemed a notice of hearing for purposes of this section.
- (c) the statute of limitations may be executed by written agreement of the parties.

PART 210—BASIC CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS (GENERAL)

Subpart A—Applicability of Regulations; Definitions

Sec.

210.101 Applicability of various parts of regulations.

 $210.102 \quad Definitions.$

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$\S\,210.101$ Applicability of various parts of regulations.

- (a) *General.* In most parts, the applicability of the part is stated specifically in the part or is otherwise apparent from the substance of the part.
- (b) Parts 315 through 339. Parts 315 through 339 of this chapter apply to all positions in the competitive service and to all incumbents of those positions; and, except as specified by or in an individual part, these parts do not

apply to positions in the excepted service or to incumbents of those positions.

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§210.102 Definitions.

- (a) The definitions in paragraph (b) of this section apply throughout this chapter, except when a defined term is specifically modified in or specifically defined for the purpose of a particular part.
 - (b) In this chapter:
- (1) Appointing officer means a person having power by law, or by lawfully delegated authority, to make appointments to positions in the service of the Federal Government or the government of the District of Columbia.
- (2) *OPM* means the Office of Personnel Management.
- (3) Days, unless otherwise defined or limited, means calendar days and not workdays. In computing a period of time prescribed in this chapter, the day of the action or event after which the designated period of time begins to run is not to be included. The last day of the period so computed is to be included unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, a Sunday, nor a legal holiday.
- (4) *Demotion* means a change of an employee, while serving continuously within the same agency:
- (i) To a lower grade when both the old and the new positions are under the General Schedule or under the same type graded wage schedule; or
- (ii) To a position with a lower rate of pay when both the old and the new positions are under the same type ungraded wage schedule, or are in different pay method categories.
- (5) *Eligible* means an applicant who meets the minimum requirements for entrance to an examination and is rated 70 or more in the examination by OPM.
- (6) *Employee* means a civilian officer or employee.
- (7) Metropolitan area of Washington, DC., means the District of Columbia; Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church Cities, Va.; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties,